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ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Giving opportunity set Dec. 3

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College will participate in the nationwide GivingTuesday campaign, Dec. 3.

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world. GivingTuesday will kick off the generosity season this year by inspiring people to give back not only on Dec. 3, but throughout the year.

"The lives of countless residents of North Mississippi have been impacted by Itawamba Community College," according to Michael Upton, ICC director of advancement. - See *GivingTuesday*, page ten.



**Fall Beauty**

**ICC Postal Clerk Ponda Pharr captured the beauty of fall in this photo of the tree near the Walk of Memories at the Fulton Campus.**

## Aspen Institute names ICC as Top 150 U.S. community college

*Staff Reports*

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has named Itawamba Community College as one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges.

Based on strong and improving in student outcomes - including in learning, completion rates, employment rates and earnings and equity - 15 percent of community colleges nationwide have been invited to apply for the Aspen Prize.

"It is a tremendous honor for Itawamba Community College to be selected as one of

the top 150 community colleges in the nation and the opportunity to compete for the significant Aspen Prize," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It is another indication of the success of the College, its status as a premier community college and a testament to our exceptional faculty and staff."

The 150 community colleges named as eligible to compete for the 2021 Aspen Prize were selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide using publicly available data on student outcomes. Located in 39 states in urban, rural and suburban areas, serving as few as 500 students and as many as 75,000 students, these colleges represent the diversity and depth of the community



college sector.

Data show that over the last two years, student retention, graduation rates and degree completion have improved at the top tier of 150 Aspen Prize-eligible colleges.

"Community colleges play a vital role in developing talent and enabling social mobility across the country, and it's critical for them to get better at what they do," said Josh

Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "We're pleased to see evidence that these institutions are improving, that more are delivering on their promise. We're also pleased to play a role in honoring outstanding community colleges and sharing what works to ensure great outcomes for students - through graduation and beyond."

The top 10 finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize will be named in May 2020. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data, including employment and earnings data. A distinguished jury will make award decisions in spring 2021.

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program aims to advance higher education practices, policies and leadership that significantly improve student outcomes, especially for the growing population of low-income students and students of color on American campuses.

The Aspen Institute is a community-serving organization with global reach whose vision is a free, just, and equitable society. For 70 years, the Institute has driven change through dialogue, leadership and action to help solve the world's greatest challenges. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Institute has offices in Aspen, Colorado and New York City, and an international network of partners.



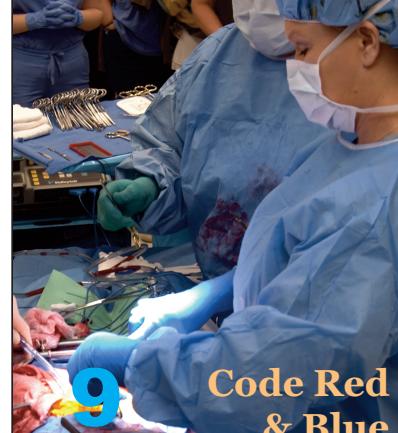
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## Smiles make life more fun

It is truly amazing how much a human can learn in dog training classes. You remember from a previous commentary that my sweet fur baby and I have had the wonderful experience of participating in puppy classes at the local pet store since the beginning of September.

Once Apollo graduated from puppy class, I enrolled him in an intermediate class so we could continue to improve his behavior in public settings. We have a magnificent trainer who absolutely adores my fur baby, and Apollo usually does pretty well in class. We only have one problem - his classmate.



The classmate is a very large, very hyper dog. He and Apollo get along just fine until training actually begins, and then it is almost a given that a barking contest must begin while the trainer is talking. Apollo usually just looks up at me as if to say, "Mom, can you please make him stop?" This large dog also has a very loud bark that would scare just about anyone, and Apollo and I are no exception.

As much trouble as this very large fur baby seems to be for his parents, it always amazes me how patient his mother is with him. His mother never gets frustrated; she is always so loving and calm with him. This past week when Apollo decided to behave less than wonderfully, I had to take a step back and reevaluate how I was behaving as well.

I found myself growing frustrated with Apollo for not paying attention to me. After about the third time, our trainer said, "Mom, it's going to be okay. Just breathe."

I finally looked over to the other side of the classroom where Apollo's classmate and his parents were. The big fluff ball was just lying on the ground looking up at his mom, who was trying to get him up off the floor to practice walking on a leash while distracted. Every time he would get up, he would plop back down about two feet from where he was previously. Expecting his mother to be frustrated as well, I looked toward Ms. Melody, and she was just laughing. It was in this moment that I realized that life is a lot like dog class.

We as college students, and even our faculty and staff, are often faced with several daunting tasks to complete within a short time frame. It is especially hard to stay levelheaded and/or engaged when so much is thrown at us at one time. Sometimes we need to take a step back and reevaluate our attitude toward what is placed in front of us. Having a positive attitude will always make things more enjoyable and easier than having a negative one. Whether our task is a list of homework a mile long (or for faculty, papers to grade), exams that begin this week or a big fluffy dog that just won't participate in class, life is so much more fun when we are smiling.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Chieftain will print letters to the editor or guest commentaries.

However, they must be signed and include a valid ICC email address and telephone number.

Anonymous submissions will not be printed.

The Chieftain reserves the right to print or reject letters or to edit them for clarity and space.

## College CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Looking ahead

#### DECEMBER

Offices close,  
4:30 p.m.

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JANUARY  
Offices reopen  
8 a.m.

JANUARY  
Open registration and  
class preparation  
for faculty

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JANUARY  
Classes begin for traditional full-term day and night and first eight-week classes

JANUARY  
Last day to add traditional full-term day/night and first eight-week and eLearning first eight-week classes

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JANUARY  
Classes begin for eLearning full-term and first eight-week classes.

JANUARY  
Martin Luther King holiday for faculty, staff and students (traditional full-term, day/night classes)

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### Fall '19 Exam Schedule

#### TRADITIONAL CLASSES

Class Mtg.	Exam Date/Time
<b>Monday/Wednesday</b>	
8-9:15 a.m.	12.4, 8-10 a.m.
10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	12.4, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

#### Tuesday/Thursday

8-9:15 a.m.	12.5, 8-10 a.m.
10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	12.5, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
12:35-1:50 p.m.	12.5, 1-3 p.m.

#### Friday

8-11:40 a.m.	12.6, 8-10 a.m.
9-11:40 a.m.	12.6, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Other Friday classes	12.6, 1-3 p.m.

#### Monday/Wednesday

9:25-10:40 a.m.	12.9, 8-10 a.m.
2-2:50/2:30-3:15 p.m.	12.9, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

#### Tuesday/Thursday

9:25-10:40 a.m.	12.10, 8-10 a.m.
2-2:50/2:30-3:15 p.m.	12.10, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

#### TRADITIONAL CLASSES

Tuesday night classes	12.3
Wednesday night classes	12.4
Thursday night classes	12.5
Monday night classes	12.9

For up-to-date calendars...

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## TIS THE SEASON FOR KINDNESS

It's finally December, better known as "the most wonderful time of the year," and for the most part, giving and receiving gifts is one of the key festivities for most of us.

We all know how great it feels to be on the receiving end when it comes to gifts, but the joy of giving is even more satisfying.

True holiday spirit is about giving to those in need. Our lives are more fulfilled when we go the extra mile to help someone else, whether it's by giving or just by expressing a simple act of kindness.

Most of us fall short of this, especially when it pertains to someone outside of our social circle or family, but it is so important to give more than to receive, whether it is a special person in your life, or a random individual on campus or at your job.

The holiday season can be quite overwhelming, especially for those who are spending it without a specific loved one or those who might not have the funds to indulge in buying gifts.

You could make the holidays a bit brighter for the unfortunate by giving back. That doesn't mean draining your bank account but to give in a way that doesn't require a ton of money. Just give something that shows that you care and that you are grateful enough to put your own needs aside so that someone else can have a better holiday season. Isn't that what this time of the year is truly about?

Ways that you can be sure to have a positive impact on someone's life this holiday season include taking the time to spread kindness and good, positive energy wherever you go.

You could also visit a local nursing home and spend a few hours interacting with and uplifting the residents with carols, small gifts and casual conversation. It would mean so much for so many of the residents who have few, if any, visitors. It's always important to give back to our elders, who have given so much to us.

Most of all, just be grateful for all that you have. Let your grateful spirit speak for you.

Giving is a beautiful thing, and it is an aspect of life that we should practice as often as we possibly can, not just during the holiday season, but throughout the year.

Your kindness and generosity can be contagious. It doesn't take a lot of money, only a little time. Why don't you try it...and see if others catch it, too?

An additional suggestion...items for ICC's Food Pantry are always needed...For more information, contact Dr. Bronson Prochaska, [bgprochaska@iccms.edu](mailto:bgprochaska@iccms.edu).

**There's a place for YOU on the Chieftain staff!**  
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**TODAY!**



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# Teacher Spotlight

## Beth Campbell NATURAL SCIENCE

HANNAH SCOTT

Staff Writer

**FAMILY:** Married to Jason Campbell, also a member of ICC's Natural Science Division; one son, Hayden.

**EDUCATION:** B.S. degree in secondary education biology and M.S. degree in biology education, both from Mississippi State University; additional work from the University of New Hampshire, University of Mississippi, University of West Alabama and the University of Alabama-Birmingham



**COURSES TAUGHT:** Principles of Biology I and II, General Biology I and II, Botany I and II, Anatomy and Physiology I and II and Survey of Anatomy and Physiology I

Campbell

**EXPERIENCE:** Began her career as a substitute teacher at Weir High School (biology, advanced biology, chemistry and advanced chemistry) and graduate assistant at Mississippi State University

**POSITIVES OF TEACHING:** "Building a personal relationship with my students and being a part of their success."

**NEGATIVES:** "Doing paperwork in my office instead of teaching my students."

**ADVICE TO STUDENTS:** "Practice discipline in all areas of life, not just your studies."

## Registration continues for Gateway program

Staff Reports

Registration is continuing for the Gateway program at ICC. Staff Reports

diploma or its equivalent, want career coaching and are serious about exploring employment opportunities.

To learn more, visit the WIN Job Center or call (662) 407-1207.



**ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, right, receives the national award for Tek2Go from Jerry Maxcy, chair of the external affairs committee for the Community Development Foundation.**

## ICC's Tek2Go wins national Future of Industry award

*Special to the Chieftain*

Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs, the foundation of the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International, hosted its inaugural awards gala in Fox River Grove, Ill., Oct. 24.

**AWARD**

The event recognized those who share a passion for manufacturing and want to ensure its future with a thriving skilled workforce. At the event, Itawamba Community College was awarded the Future of Industry Award for its Tek2Go Advanced Manufacturing Camp.

ICC, along with partners Hawkeye Industries and Community Development Foundation, has hosted the Tek2Go Advanced Manufacturing Camp for students the past 11 years and for teachers, the past four years. NBT provided the

first grant to get the student camp started in the Tupelo region in 2009. NBT offered an additional grant for the first teacher camp in the summer of 2016. Currently, both camps are funded through the Toyota Wellspring Education Fund and held at the Manufacturing Solutions Center at the ICC Belden Center.

**TEK2GO**

Tek2Go camps are designed for middle school students in grades six through eight and K-12 teachers in Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc and Union counties. Participants in both camps are exposed to advanced manufacturing concepts through hands-on activities, metal projects and industry tours.

"Culturally, manufacturing is perceived to be dirty places to work for

low wages. The most rewarding thing the camp has accomplished is changing this perception for our students and teachers. It has allowed them to experience the quality of the work environment and skill level required for lifelong careers which our local manufacturers provide in our community," said Barry Emison, dean of career and technical education at ICC.

"This is an innovative approach for our local students and teachers to be introduced to career opportunities and gain a hands-on experience of the workforce skills needed in our manufacturing industry.

**IMPACT**

Over 250 students and teachers have been impacted by these Tek2Go camps. This would not have been possible without NBT, the Toyota endowment fund and camp partners, Itawamba Community College and Hawkeye Industries," said Community Development Foundation Chairman Sam Pace.

**RECOGNITION**

National recognition is something that the greater Lee County area is no stranger to, and this award is no exception. It is yet another testament to the successes which can be achieved when local people work together for a common purpose and a noble cause to benefit its citizens and the surrounding area. When education is the primary benefactor, everyone wins," said Bryan Hawkins, president and CEO of Hawkeye Industries, past NBT board chair and longtime supporter and partner of the Tek2Go camps.

## Jessi Stevenson selected ICC's Humanities Teacher of Year

Staff Reports

ICC speech instructor Jessi Stevenson of Mantachie has been selected as ICC's Mississippi Humanities Teacher Award nominee for 2020.

She will present "Changing the World One Communicator at a Time: A discussion of oxytocin, the power of storytelling and the importance of dialogue in the communication process," at 6 p.m., Feb. 25, in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

She will be honored at the Mississippi Humanities council Public Awards ceremony, Mar. 27, in Jackson.

A native of Bruce, Stevenson has been employed since 2006 with ICC, where she currently serves as instructor of Fine Arts, including public speaking and theatre courses.

She also serves as co-director of the ICC Travel Tribe, an extracurricular academic class that allows students to travel



**Jessi Stevenson, left, and her class listen as ICC President Dr. Jay Allen welcomes students on the first day of classes in August.**

while earning course credit. She also sponsors the Communication Chiefs, an advising club for students interested in pursuing a career in fields related to communication.

Stevenson said she "takes a great deal of pride in her classroom teaching and is always excited to offer both traditional, hybrid, online, honors and summer program offer-

ings each year."

During her time at ICC, she has served as Fulton Campus Faculty Association President and the Director of the Miss Itawamba Community College Scholarship Program. Her honors include Lamplighter distinction, selection as a QEP Outstanding Faculty Mentor for Student-Athletes numerous times, recipient of the NISOD award and ICC's

award for Meritorious Achievement in 2011 and 2018, the most prestigious award bestowed by the College.

Stevenson began her education in 1998 at ICC, and her additional degrees include both bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University. She has completed additional graduate coursework in theatre arts from the

University of North Alabama. Previously she taught public speaking and communication courses at Bevill State Community College in Alabama.

Stevenson said that she encourages her students to find value in her speech course. She employs many unconventional teaching techniques from Play-Doh, to Legos, to yoga mats, to various board games in her classes. "I learned a long time ago that the classroom has to be fun, engaging and laid back in order to even begin the teaching process," she said.

Stevenson has presented her creative teaching ideas to communication conferences across the region and also encourages her colleagues to push for excellence.

She is an active member of Gumtree Presbyterian Church in Tupelo.

Stevenson and her husband, Chris, are the parents of two sons, Rourke and Riley.

**FYI****MAKE A NOTE OF IT****Most Beautiful Pageant  
Feb. 18****HANNAH FLAKE***Staff Writer*

Itawamba Community College will host its annual Most Beautiful Pageant, Feb. 18, 2020, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Fulton Campus.

The event, which will begin at 7 p.m. is sponsored by the ICC Travel Tribe.

Awards to be presented include Most Photogenic, which will be selected by the judges based on the program headshots of all contestants. Four beauties and Most Beautiful will be chosen from the top 10 contestants.

"Interest meetings were held on Nov. 19 on the Fulton Campus and Nov. 21 on the Tupelo Campus for all interested students," according to Travel Tribe cosponsor Jessi Stevenson.

There will be an entry fee of \$50 for all contestants.

Contestant fees and fact sheets must be turned in by Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. to either Stevenson or Dr. Edana Nail.

A mandatory rehearsal is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Feb. 13, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Tickets will be sold online for \$5 each as well as at the door, pending availability.

Questions may be directed to Stevenson or Nail at travel@iccms.edu.

**Study tips help with exam prep***Staff Reports*

There are many ways to make preparing for final exams easier and less stressful, according to Dr. Bronson Prochaska, chair of the Learning and Life Skills Division and director of the Summer Institute. They range from study methods to lifestyle adjustments.

A highly effective study method is to make your own study guide and practice test, Prochaska said. Anticipating the kind of questions the test will contain will help prepare your mind and help you recall the information more easily.

Attending the in-class review session and asking your instructor questions regarding the material is a great way to get a feel for the exam's contents, Prochaska said.

"Try to study more than just the study guide so that you can have more comprehensive information."

Additional tips include:

"Studying for too long at a time impairs your learning ability, so make sure to take breaks as a reward for studying the material. How the breaks are taken depends on the difficulty of the material and how you have decided to break down your studies."

"It is a great idea to prioritize the most difficult exams and create an order of importance. Breaking the material down into chunks can be extremely beneficial, as avoiding becoming tired of studying is very important. Studying in groups can help you cut down on boredom and actually could improve your studying if the group stays on task."

"Organizing your notes and creating visual aids such as charts is another beneficial study method. This also aids in the creation of study guides and test questions. Try to develop questions based on the types of questions that will be on the exam. Multiple-choice questions will likely require an overall understanding, and example questions will be helpful. Meeting with your instructor helps with this immensely, and he/she can provide additional information, including helpful study tips."

It is a good idea to be well-rested during exam week. Those who are able to eat breakfast in the morning with no adverse effects should make sure to eat something nutritious every morning of exams.

**The Next Step****Students**

**at the Fulton Campus explore the next step in their educational foundation during a College Fair. The two-day event also was available for students at the Tupelo Campus.**

**CC budget plan ready for legislature at beginning of year****KATHERINE MORGAN***Staff Writer*

This past June, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Presidents, including ICC's Dr. Jay Allen, and key staff participated in a legislative planning workshop to construct a list of legislative requests that would assist all 15 community colleges in their mission to prepare tomorrow's workforce.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

In September, the community college system presented its FY 2021 budget request to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. When the 202 legislative session begins, there will be a new set of legislators, which means new committee membership, including the Joint Legislative Budget committee, according to Tyler Camp, special assistant to the President. Meanwhile, each community college president is meeting with district legislators to discuss priorities, Camp said.

**FUNDING REQUEST**

The funding request for the 2020 legislative session includes three main priorities: an increase in the overall funding formula, a salary increase for community college employees, additional capital improvement bonds to assist with infrastructure upgrades and a number of other economic impact items. The legislative requests are endorsed and supported by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, Mississippi Community College Board and the Mississippi Community and Junior College Inter-Alumni Association.

Until the legislative session, Allen will continue to share with ICC's district legislators the impact the system makes and its reach beyond the College's three locations.

**STATISTICS**

On average, 1,876 community college graduates enter the Mississippi workforce each year, generating approximately \$522 million

in total wages and salaries with 75 percent staying and working in Mississippi within a year of graduating, according to statistics provided by the presidents.

**WORTH THE INVESTMENT**

Proving community colleges are worth the investment, Mississippi's 15 public two-year institutions provide a \$4.86 return on investment. Community colleges continue to provide an open door to higher education that is vital. ICC, along with other community colleges, pride themselves on qualified caring employees who exemplify personal attention and a pure education experience, Camp said.

Apr. 1 is the deadline for the appropriations bills with May 4, being the deadline for the final adoption of conference reports for the appropriation bills. Once the appropriations are approved by the legislature and signed by the governor, they will become effective, July 1, 2020.

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# Meeting Room CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

## FULTON CAMPUS

Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Book Club	Holly Gray	862.8381
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Computer Science	Bradley Howard	620.5329
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
Fut. Ed. of Amer.	Chris Cox	862.8181
Gospel Sounds	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
Indian Delegation	Carrie B. Williamson	862.8123
LIN Report	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
Mirror	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Modern Language	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Phi Theta Kappa	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
Political Science	Jay Humphries	862.8381
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
Science Club	Dr. John Arnold	862.8157
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
Travel Tribe	Lindsey Patterson	862.8359
	Chad Case	862.8232
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

## TUPELO CAMPUS

Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
Diversity Club	Sheree Lence	620.5036
Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5238
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5278
Legal Ed. Assn.	Jamie Hall	620.5342
MOSA	Bo Rowland	620.5340
NCF	Robin Sims	620.5222
OTA	Linda Bond	620.5210
Phi Theta Kappa	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Dr. Ira Lindsay Jones	620.5043
	Dr. Bruce Ingram	620.5302
Student Gov. Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
Student PTA Club	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025

## RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

BSU	Chris Burrows	862.3278
FCA	Carrie Ball-Williamson	862.8123
Wesley Foundation	Brenton Banko	678.3859

## ICC names 2019-20 Pom Squad

### Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has selected members of its 2019-20 Pom Squad.

They include Raina Boggan, Abigail Hitt, both of **Amory**; Kelsi Speed of **Columbus**;

Serenity Rorie of **Corinth**; Kayley Phillips of **Fulton**;

Layla Owen, Cassidy Young, Tati Arnold, Tiarra Lackey, all of

**Pontotoc**; Mauria Ferrell of **Saltillo**; Diyon Walker of **Starkville**; and Maggie Hardin of **Union**.

Alternates are Jaiana Dochee of **New Albany** and Mabry Chamblee of **Pontotoc**.

The ICC Pom Squad performs at all home basketball games.

The director is Roxie Thomas-Clayton of Tupelo.

## HSE completion bonus available today

### Staff Reports

Individuals who want or need to earn a high school equivalency credential (GED or HiSET) can do so at Itawamba Community College and receive a \$100 completion bonus.

Classes are available through the ICC Adult Education program in Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Those who are interested can call (662) 407-1517 or visit the Adult Education department at the ICC Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Road).



## Life in the Residence Hall

In addition to regular student activities, ICC's residence halls offer special events. From top to bottom, Carla Rose Garrett presents a colors activity; Janna Coleman and Ashley Dickey with the Wellness Center of Oxford discuss self care and ways to release stress that is commonly caused due to the holidays and finals; Garrett works one-on-one with a participant; Residents try to win the one-on-one ping pong tournament.



**Most Beautiful Pageant  
February 18**

**LIN Report**  
alternative news source

### LINDSEY ROBERTS

Staff Writer

Since you're reading the Chieftain, you know about the student newspaper.

ICC offers additional news delivery systems with social media accounts and the LIN Report, which includes interviews, weather and announcements for faculty, staff and students as well as those in the community.

### HOW IT WORKS

Sponsor Maggie Caldwell, ICC social media coordinator, said that it gives the volunteering students a chance to work as a producer, anchor or they can edit the videos. "We try to do the LIN Report at least three times a month, and the interviews are based on what is going on at the time. The students are responsible for scheduling their own interviews and coming up with the questions.

### NEW GROUP

This fall, Caldwell has added the Social Media Ambassadors.

Caldwell said that the goal is to give students an opportunity to learn how social media works from a business point of view. It also gives faculty, staff and the community an opportunity to see things from the student's perspective. "We cover all the events going on, such as basketball games. It gives an inside view to students that don't go and hopefully encourage them to go to the next event."

The Social Media Ambassadors are volunteer workers, so anyone can join. "You don't have to be a public communications major," Caldwell said. "We meet weekly at 2:30 p.m., and if anyone wants to join, they can email me at macaldwell@iccms.edu."

### THE TRAINING

Caldwell said that training, which is monthly, includes editing, public speaking or how to work with different people "personality wise. We show them a lot about how to use social media in different ways. The stories show other potential students why they should come to ICC. Being a part of the groups counts as College Life volunteer hours."



## Want To Know More?

### FULTON CAMPUS

Information on	Contact
Academic Honors.....	Admissions
Activities Calendar.....	Dean of Students
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Advanced Placement .....	V.P. of Instructional Services
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Band .....	Band Director
Books/Supplies .....	Bookstore
Career Planning .....	Adviser/Advising Center
Car Registration Decals .....	Campus Police
Change of Adviser/Major.....	Advising Center
Change in Curriculum .....	Adviser/Student Affairs
Counseling .....	Student Affairs
Counseling (Personal) .....	Dean of Students
Course Placement.....	V.P. of Instructional Services
Evaluation of Credits.....	Admissions
Examinations.....	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours .....	Instructor
Graduation Req.....	Admissions
I.D. Cards.....	Student Affairs
Intramurals/Activities .....	Coor. of Student Activities
Library.....	Director of Learning Resources
Log-Ins/PINs .....	TIS Help Desk
Parking .....	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs .....	Student Affairs
Placement Testing.....	Student Affairs
Publicity/Publications .....	Community Relations
Registration.....	Admissions
Schedule Changes .....	Adviser
Schedule Planning .....	Adviser
Scholarships .....	Financial Aid
Student Aid/Work Study .....	Financial Aid
Student Government .....	Housing Director
Student Organizations.....	Sponsors
Summer School.....	Student Affairs
Testing (Career).....	V.P. of Instructional Services
Transcripts .....	Career Center
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals .....	Business office
Use of Campus Property .....	Dean of Students
Veterans Affairs .....	Financial Aid

### TUPELO CAMPUS

Admissions/Records .....	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit .VP, Instructional Services	
Books and Supplies .....	Bookstore
Career Planning.....	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals .....	Campus Police
Counseling .....	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits.....	Admissions
I.D. Cards.....	Student Affairs
Job Placement.....	Career Center
Library .....	Learning Resource Center
Log-Ins/PINs .....	TIS Help Desk
Parking .....	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.....	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning .....	Student Affairs
Scholarships .....	Financial Aid
Student Activities.....	Student Affairs
Student Aid .....	Financial Aid office
Student Government .....	Housing Director
Transcripts .....	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees.....	Business office
Veterans Affairs .....	Financial Aid office

### BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency .....	Julia Houston
Continuing Education.....	Debi Martin
WIOA.....	Brad Gates
Workforce.....	Dr. Joe Lowder



**Members of ICC's Precision Manufacturing and Machining class and their instructors receive the Haas Foundation grant check from Hugh Sims, Trident Southeast representative, left, recently at the Belden Center.**

## Gene Haas Foundation grant to benefit PMMT program students

### Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program has received a \$12,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation.

According to Barry Emison, ICC's dean of Career and Technical Instruction, the funds will be used for student aid and certifications. "We appreciate very much the investment by the Gene Haas Foundation in ICC's Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program," Emison said. "Not only is it an investment in the program, but it is an investment in the futures of our students."

In 1999, Gene Haas formed the foundation, which bears his name because he grew up with a strong social conscience instilled by his family. It was initially designed to fund the needs of the local community.

Haas Automation is now a billion dollar company. The focus of the foundation has shifted to the

current outreach and methodology. Its purpose is to introduce students to careers in machine technology and manufacturing, to build skills in the machining in-

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dustry and to help military veterans enroll in programs that train them to become skilled machinists.

ICC's Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program is designed to prepare indi-

viduals for various-level positions in precision high-tech manufacturing. It includes instruction and practice in manufacturing techniques and processes, including standard conventional machining, computer-numerical-control machining and computer-aided design and manufacturing.

Students develop skill sets that are valued by manufacturers nationwide and validated by national accrediting agencies such as the National Institute for Metalworking Skills and the National Association of Manufacturers.

"We would like to thank the Gene Haas Foundation for their generous contribution and support of our program," said Jerry Pettigrew, director/instructor. "This grant will be used to help offset some of the financial burden of our students and also help cover the cost in receiving national credentials through the National Institute for Metalworking Skills. This is the third year we have received a grant from the Haas Foundation."

**Lowe**

**From page one.**

During her tenure at ICC, she has won several awards, including Humanities Teacher of the Year, Meritorious award, William Winter Scholar and Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She was also a National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Award winner and was chosen as a Master Presenter at the conference.

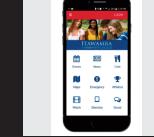
In addition, Lowe is published in the textbook "For Our Students" which was written by community college instructors for the students in Mississippi. As a PTK adviser, she received the regional and international awards for Continued Excellence for Advisers, the Bennie Warren Distinguished Adviser Award and numerous Horizon Awards for outstanding Ad-

visers for Phi Theta Kappa for the MS/LA region and Five-Star Adviser. Since 2013, she has served on the MS/LA Regional Advisory Board. Lowe has presented at numerous PTK regional and international events, most recently at the National Collegiate Honors Council in New Orleans, La. She and her husband, Michael, have one daughter, Caroline.

Faculty Scholars, who receive intensive training and preparation to serve in their roles, must attend the group's 2020 conference as well as the Honors Institute, both at Loyola University in Chicago. Benefits of the program, which has been referenced as one of the best professional development opportunities, include increasing knowledge and understanding of PTK,

being challenged and inspired by questions and comments from conscientious colleagues and honor students with varied backgrounds, developing ideas to enhance chapter and regional Honors in Action programming and gathering ideas, study questions and bibliographies to be used in their classrooms.

**Your connection to ICC...**



# Mr. and Miss ICC, Hall of Fame nominations underway

**BROOKLYN HALL**

*Staff Writer*

Every academic school year, ICC students elect Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College, and faculty members nominate the Hall of Fame.

Election as Mr. and Miss ICC is an honor based upon leadership, spirit, integrity and achievement through service and campus involvement at ICC.

According to Director of Student Activities Jake Hartfield, the Hall of Fame members must demonstrate integrity and achievement through leadership activities, community and campus involvement as well as academic achievement. Twelve student leaders who represent academic, career education and health science programs at all three locations are among those who are selected for ICC's Hall of Fame.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Students must be a sophomore at ICC and have completed at least three semesters to be considered for Mr. and Miss ICC. Students must have a 2.5 or higher GPA and be currently enrolled in 15 or more semester hours or be considered full-time in the career education or health science programs. Students must not be on academic or disciplinary probation as well.

By providing a brief explanation of the nominee, faculty, staff, student clubs and organizations,

residence halls or athletic teams can nominate one male and one female for the elections of Mr. and Miss ICC, Hartfield said.

## NOMINATIONS

These students will be reviewed and interviewed by the Student Honors Selection committee comprised of faculty and staff members. The student body will then vote via myTribe for one of three female candidates and one of three male candidates. Elections will be based on the number of votes, and if there is a tie, a run-off will occur.

To be considered for the ICC Hall of Fame, students must be a sophomore and have completed at least three semesters at ICC. Students must be enrolled in 15 or more semester hours in the fall and spring semesters. The career education and health science students can have fewer than 15 hours, but must be considered full time in their program. To be nominated for Hall of Fame, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be eligible for graduation in May or August of 2020. Students must not be on academic or disciplinary probation and not have been selected for Hall of Fame previously.

## THE PROCESS

For the ICC Hall of Fame, a faculty or staff member can nominate up to four students for Fulton and four students for Tupelo academ-

ics. Two students can be nominated representing career education and two students representing health science. The faculty or staff member must provide a brief explanation of his or her nominee via online nomination form. These nominees will be reviewed and interviewed by the Student Honors Selection committee. The President's Cabinet will then grant final approval of the 12 Hall of Fame recipients. If there are not enough students represented in a particular program area, the Student Honors Selection Committee can then choose other students from the nomination pool.

On Dec. 1, nominations for both Hall of Fame and Mr. and Miss ICC went live. Nominations for both are due by Jan. 22 at 4:30 p.m.

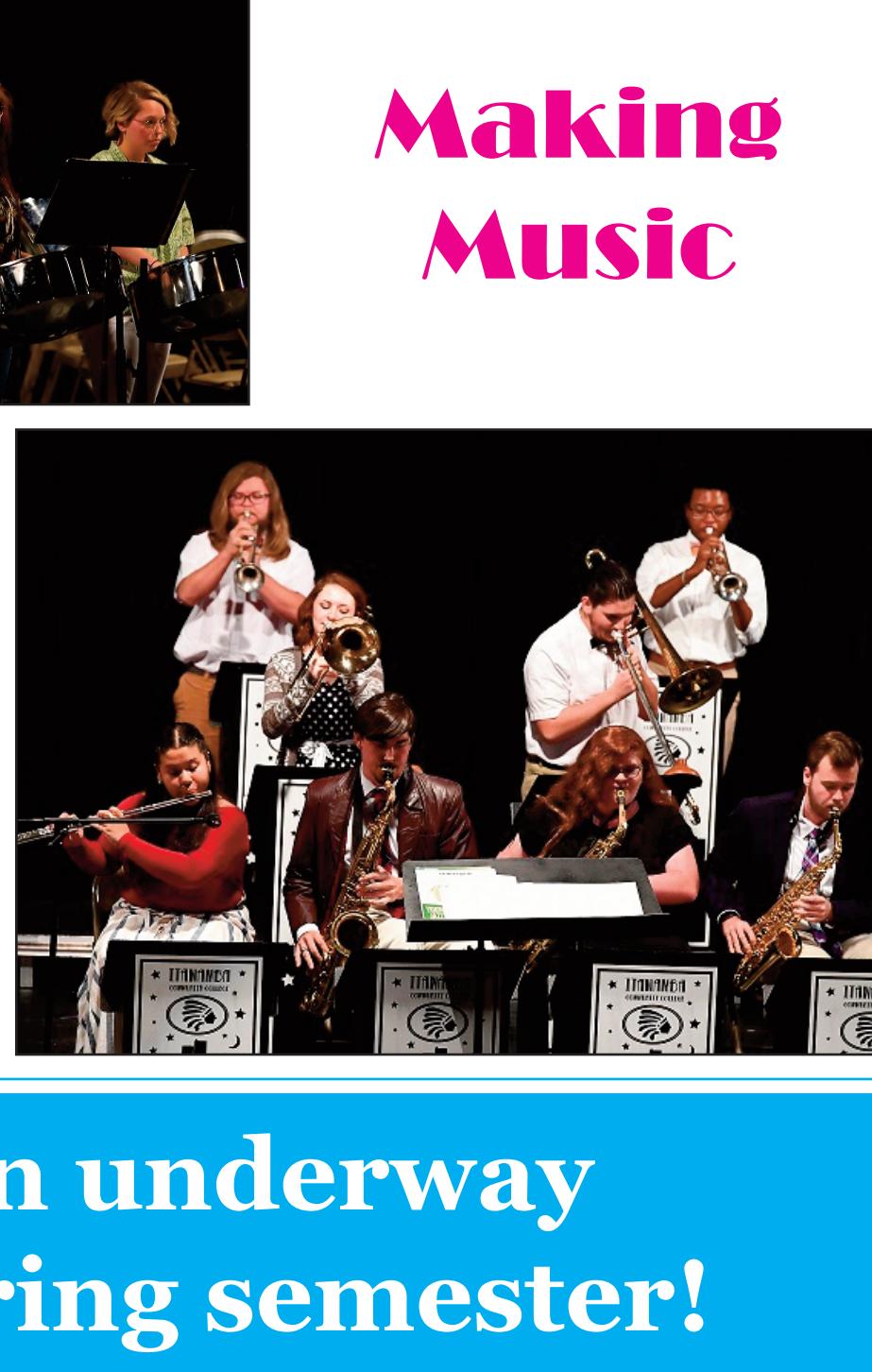
## INTERVIEWS

Interviews for Mr. and Miss ICC candidates will be Jan. 24. The final nominees will be announced on Jan. 27. The elections for Mr. and Miss ICC will be via myTribe Feb. 3-4. If there are run-offs, the second elections will be Feb. 5-6.

The interviews for Hall of Fame will be Jan. 27-31, and then the Student Honors Selection Committee recommends the Hall of Fame recipients to the President's Cabinet. The announcement will be Feb. 4.



## Making Music



**Registration underway  
for the '20 spring semester!**



## UPCOMING MUSIC&ARTS, ETC...

*Music and arts events can be located at [www.iccms.edu](http://www.iccms.edu) - calendar.*

### Cast, crew set for dinner theatre

*Staff Reports*

Six ICC students have been selected as cast members for the spring dinner theatre, which is a hilarious family comedy, "Over the River and Through the Woods" by Joe DiPietro.

Director Laurie McBride announced that the cast includes Dayton Shegog of Pope (Nick Cristano), Mason Fisher of Mantachie (Frank Gianelli), Kailey Cox of Amory (Aida Gianelli), Colton Sumner of Smithville (Nunzio Cristano), Morgan Bailey of Belden (Emma Cristano) and Emily Shaffer of Saltillo (Caitlin O'Hare).

Members of the crew are Mattie Knox of Amory, stage manager; Maggie Garrett of Pontotoc, publicity manager and Lindsey Roberts of Guntown, prop mistress/sound technician.

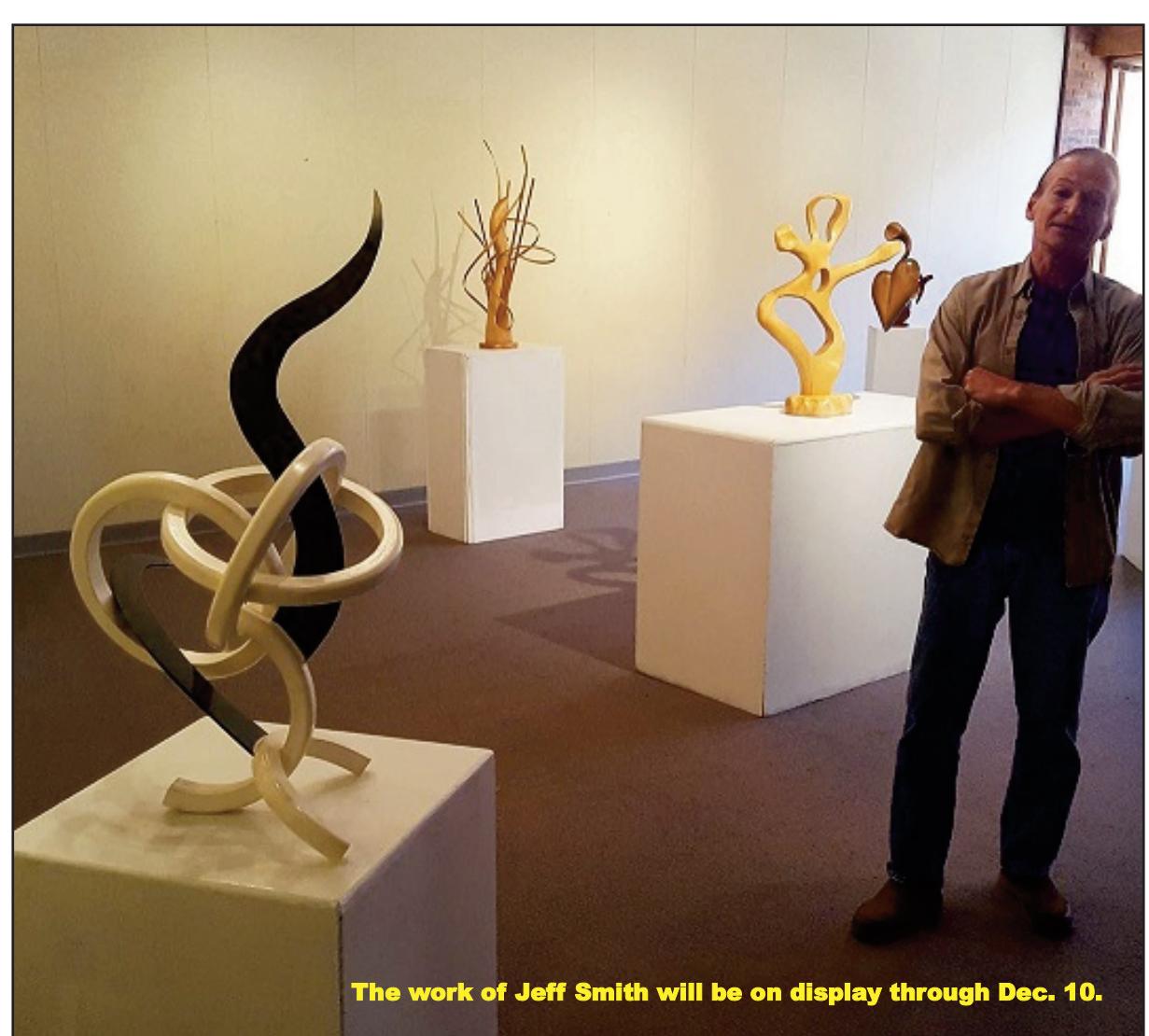
According to StageAgent, "Over the River and Through the Woods" is a warm-hearted, boisterously funny and touching story about intergenerational relationships, deep familial love and the inevitable little heartbreaks that occur as time passes and children grow.

Rehearsals will begin in January.

### Poetry Slam



**English instructors Keith Morris and Dr. Ashley Armstrong participate in a recent Poetry Slam in the Fulton Campus library.**



**The work of Jeff Smith will be on display through Dec. 10.**

# UNREAL WOOD

*Staff Reports*

The last exhibition of the semester is now on display at Itawamba Community College in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Gallery at the Fulton Campus.

The show, titled 'Unreal Wood,' features hand carved and assembled wooden sculptures by artist Jeff Smith of Saltillo. Originally from El Paso, Tex., a young Smith found his way to North Mississippi where he eventually settled in Tupelo. He worked for more than 40 years building high-end custom wood cabinets gaining him a reputation as a

master wood craftsman. He pursued his more artistic projects in



between business commissions. Over several years of experimentation in a variety of different wood media. Smith has honed his craft, resulting in unique and intriguing modern abstract works.

'Unreal Wood' is on display through Dec. 10.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. but closed Nov. 25-29 during ICC's Thanksgiving break.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at [eswhittington@iccms.edu](mailto:eswhittington@iccms.edu) or (662) 862-8301.



## Feel the Heat CenterStage in concert



**FYI****MAKE A NOTE OF IT****JUST A REMINDER...****Review lockdown procedures**

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, dean of students.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noise.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, [www.iccms.edu](http://www.iccms.edu), for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

**Sign up for ICC ALERT**

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened

the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at [helpdesk@iccms.edu](mailto:helpdesk@iccms.edu).

**Litter-free**

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

**Shuttle**

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have the opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 6:30 a.m. and from Tupelo at 7 a.m.; from Tupelo at 7:15 a.m. and arrives Fulton at 7:45 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m., arrives in Tupelo at 3:30 p.m.; departs Tupelo at 3:35 p.m. and arrives in Fulton at 4:05 p.m.

**No noise**

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

**Campus Police**

**ICC-Belden...662.687.2752**

**ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750**

**ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751**



# Code Blue & Red

**Five of ICC's Health Science programs presented an interprofessional opportunity, which simulated three emergency scenarios, Nov. 15, at the Tupelo Campus. Twenty-three students from Saltillo High School were on hand to view the simulation of a catastrophic event.**



**Students from ICC's Associate Degree Nursing, Paramedic, Respiratory Care, Radiologic Technology and Surgical Technology participate in Code Blue and Red, which is expected to be a model for other groups to visit the campus as well as to help students see the real-life expertise used by the graduates of ICC's programs.**

## ICC offers 15-week business office specialist program

### Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is offering a 15-week business office specialist program that will begin Jan. 14 at the Belden Center.

Meetings will be from 5:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, through May 7.

The program is designed for students to develop basic office,

communication and computer technology skills. Through intensive lab instruction, students have the opportunity to attain an Intuit Quickbooks certification and receive training and instruction to prepare for the Microsoft Office Specialist certification in MS Excel and MS Word. Additional highlights of the program include in-

struction in performance of technical office tasks; "soft-skills" such as teamwork, communication and customer service; basic math; fundamentals of bookkeeping and basic human resource management.

For more information, contact Josh Gammill at (662) 407-1569 or email [jegammill@iccms.edu](mailto:jegammill@iccms.edu).



## Giving back

**Members of the Tupelo Campus Student Government Association recently participated in the Walk to End Alzheimers in Tupelo.**

## UPCOMING

## MEETINGS

**Phi Theta Kappa**  
Purvis Center 109 - Tupelo  
Dec. 3 - 12:10 p.m.

**Phi Theta Kappa**  
Purvis Center 109 - Tupelo  
Jan. 14 - 12:10 p.m.

**Phi Theta Kappa**  
Purvis Center 109 - Tupelo  
Feb. 11 - 12:10 p.m.

**CPNA**  
Student Support Center - Tupelo  
Feb. 13 - 11:45 a.m.

**CPNA**  
Student Support Center - Tupelo  
Mar. 5 - 11:45 a.m.

**CPNA**  
Student Support Center - Tupelo  
Apr. 9 - 11:45 a.m.

For meeting updates,  
[www.iccms.edu](http://www.iccms.edu)  
"Calendar"



Left, PTK's Beta Tau Sigma Chapter members check out the books in the Little Free Library at the Tupelo Campus. Below, co-adviser Jenny Bowers cuts the ribbon during the formal opening.



## Little Free Library opens at Tupelo campus

### Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Beta Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa cut the ribbon last week to formally open its Little Free Library.

Located between the Purvis

Center and the Student Support

Center at the Tupelo Campus, the Little Free Library enables individuals to take a book or share a book.

According to Jenny Bowers, co-adviser, donations of books are welcome.

They may be delivered to the PTK office during regular business hours.

Members of the chapter pose at the conclusion of the event in the photo below.



## Get involved

ICC offers numerous ways for student involvement including dodgeball, above, and breakfast at Belden, below. For more information, contact Jake Hartfield.



## GivingTuesday

### From page one.

"Whether you were a student who took classes, a business or industry that found highly-trained workers to employ or someone who was treated by the countless healthcare professionals trained through ICC's programs, your life has been impacted by the college in some way."

"GivingTuesday is a day when alumni, faculty, staff and the entire ICC community and beyond can make a big impact in the lives of ICC and its deserving students," Upton said.

"Through their gifts, no matter the amount, donors can support any area of the college they choose, such as scholarships, athletics, fine arts such as the band or choral programs, or specific academic areas. We would like for it to be a day, especially for our alumni, to give back to ICC, a place where they received their best start."

GivingTuesday was launched in 2012 as a simple idea: to create a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, this idea has

grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity.

"GivingTuesday inspires people all around the world to embrace their power to drive progress around the causes they care about, not just on one day, but throughout the year," said Asha Curran, GivingTuesday's CEO and co-founder. "With country and community leaders, millions of organizations and countless givers of all

kinds, GivingTuesday is creating a shared space where we can see the radical implications of a more generous world."

Those who are interested in joining ICC's GivingTuesday initiative to make a difference in the lives of its students can visit [www.iccms.edu/foundation](http://www.iccms.edu/foundation).

For more information on ICC's Foundation and additional giving opportunities, contact Upton at (662) 862-9035 or email [maupton@iccms.edu](mailto:maupton@iccms.edu).

# Connect with ICC through social media!

## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

### UPCOMING CLASSES

#### BELDEN CENTER

#### Manufacturing Skills Basic Certification

*Staff Reports*

Registration is underway for a day class option for the Manufacturing Skills Basic Certification program, which will begin Jan. 13 at the ICC Belden Center.

The class will meet Mondays through Thursdays through Feb. 27 from 8 a.m.-noon.

The program is designed to prepare participants desiring to have a career in high-performance manufacturing to be successful. Through this program, students use critical thinking skills, update core skills and knowledge and will earn nationally-recognized credentials.

Developed to respond to core knowledge for the current and emerging industry sectors located within the north Mississippi region, the 94-hour MSBC program includes three national credentials - 10-hour OSHA, the American Heart Association's CPR and the Career Readiness Certificate. Comprehensive interactive classes, computer-based tools, experienced instructors and excellent reference materials create a valuable training experience. Participants will learn how to operate a forklift; how to read a caliper, micrometer and blueprint drawing; how to perform CPR; what companies do to improve and ensure safety, productivity and quality of their processes and products and improve their computer skills.

For more information or to register, contact Josh Gammill at (662) 407-1569 or email [jegammill@iccms.edu](mailto:jegammill@iccms.edu).

#### Food Service Pathway

*Staff Reports*

ICC has scheduled a four-week food service pathway class at the Belden Center beginning Jan. 13.

Classes will meet Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through Feb. 7.

The program includes Serve Safe® certification, certificate of completion, proper food handling standards, kitchen safety practices, culinary techniques, interview skills and résumé building, money handling and front of the house and back of the house operations.

For more information or to register, contact program director Christy Scheuer at [acscheuer@iccms.edu](mailto:acscheuer@iccms.edu) or (662) 407-1505; or pathway coordinator Josh Gammill at [jegammill@iccms.edu](mailto:jegammill@iccms.edu) or (662) 407-1569.

**Additional opportunity  
coming soon**  
**Business Office  
Specialist**

**Jan. 14-May 7**



## ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is a two-year public supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) college-parallel programs that allow students to transfer a maximum of two years of college work to four-year colleges and universities; 2) technical and career programs that prepare students for immediate employment; 3) continuing education and community service programs for individuals striving for personal growth and/or personal enrichment; 4) contributing to the needs of business and industry; 5) educational programs and services that meet the diverse needs of students including student development opportunities; 6) adult basic education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population; 7) current technology to advance educational purpose, including traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 8) strategies to encourage the improvement of relations and coordination of programs with high schools, community/junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities; 9) development and implementation of activities that encourage and promote civic responsibility; and 10) programs of leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff.

Candidates for admission to academic, career and technical programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing the high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Registrar/Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete the high school equivalency test in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Dean of Students, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.962.8271, [TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu](mailto>TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu).

In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

**www.iccms.edu**  
**662.862.8000 (Fulton) · 662.620.5000 (Tupelo)**  
**662.407.1141 (Belden)**

## ICC residence halls close Dec. 10, open Jan. 5

*Staff Reports*

Itawamba Community College students who live in the residence halls are reminded that they will close Dec. 10 and 5 p.m. and reopen Jan. 5 at 1 p.m.

Students who are not returning to live on campus for the spring semester must check out of the residence hall

with their resident assistant or residence hall director, according to Andrea Senter, administrative assistance to the Dean of Students and Housing.

The process requires students to inspect their rooms one last time, return their keys and sign their inventory sheet.

Students are encouraged to set up a

check out time prior to the day they plan to leave to help speed up the process.

Current fall residence hall students were assigned their existing rooms automatically in November for the spring semester. Any student who checks out of the residence hall because he/she will not be living on campus in the

spring will receive his/her spring changes removed once he/she officially checks out. Students who want to change rooms for the spring semester must request the change in person by going to the housing office located in the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus.

**Chieftain staff members needed...**

**email [dsthomas@iccms.edu](mailto:dsthomas@iccms.edu).**

# Upcoming student activities

**December 2**  
**Chick-Fil-A Breakfast**  
**Training Center - Belden**  
**7:30-9:30 a.m.**

**Study Break**  
**"Dress Nerdy**  
**for the Basketball Game"**  
**Davis Event Center - Fulton**  
**5:30/7:30 p.m.**

**Fulton Christmas Parade**  
**Downtown Fulton**  
**6 p.m.**

**December 3**  
**Cereal Celebration**  
**Student Support Center - Tupelo**  
**7:30-9:30 a.m.**

**Tupelo Christmas Parade**  
**Downtown Tupelo**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Late-Night Pancake Breakfast**  
**Student Activities Center - Fulton**  
**8-10 p.m.**

**December 4**  
**Coffee Break**  
**Student Activities Center - Fulton**  
**7:30-9:30 a.m.**

Coffee provided by the Caffeinated Indian.

**For more information, contact**  
**Jake Hartfield**  
**Director of Student Activities**  
**662.862.8428 or**  
**jchartfield@iccms.edu**

## Book buyback starts Wed.

### Staff Reports

Book buyback starts this week at bookstores located in the Student Services buildings at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

Textbooks will be bought back only if there is a need, and workbooks, lab manuals and other types of textbooks are nonreturnable.

In order to be bought back by the bookstores, books must be in resaleable condition with no pages missing, falling out or torn. Also, the bookstore may refuse to buy books with excessive writing.

Students must return everything purchased with the textbooks, including disks, CDs or extra booklets that may have accompanied the text.

Book buyback dates are Dec. 4 and 5, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Dec. 6, 9 and 10, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Buyback procedures include

- 1) Students must present a current student ID or driver's license before selling any books.

- 2) Students will only

be allowed to sell back books for classes which appears on their schedule. No one will be allowed to sell another student's books.

3) Copies of your schedule will be printed for you at the first station of the book buyback each time you visit. Once you receive your schedule and your visit has been recorded, you must sell the books selected at that time on that visit.

4) You will receive a receipt for the amount of your books. Any balance owed in the Business office will be deducted from the amount of the book refund. The remainder will then be delivered based on the designation of the student's BankMobile preference, including:

- a. BankMobile will deposit the money into the student's account; or
- b. BankMobile will apply the money to the student's BankMobile Vibe card.

Book thieves will be arrested and prosecuted.



**Congrats!**  
**Members of ICC's**  
**2019 baseball team**  
**and Coach Rick**  
**Collier, front, left,**  
**show off their**  
**state championship**  
**rings, which were**  
**presented during a**  
**special ceremony**  
**at the Davis Event**  
**Center, Nov. 4.**

## ICC schedules open registration for 2020 spring semester

### Staff Reports

Open registration at ICC has been scheduled for the 2020 spring semester.

Current students who have not registered by the end of the fall semester and intend to return in the spring must participate in one of the sessions.

Dates and times include Jan. 6 and 7 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the David C. Cole Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus and Jan. 6 from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Jan. 7 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Student Support Center at the Tupelo Campus.

It is possible to register for the spring semester classes through Jan. 9 for traditional first- and full-term classes as well as the

January eight-week eLearning term; Jan. 14 for the January eight-week eLearning term; and Jan. 17 for full-term eLearning classes. However, students who register on the first day of classes or after may be charged a late registration fee. Also, class selection is limited during late registration.

Students who are not currently enrolled at ICC, including readmits and transfers, can register for the 2020 spring semester through

Dec. 18, weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Student Affairs offices on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

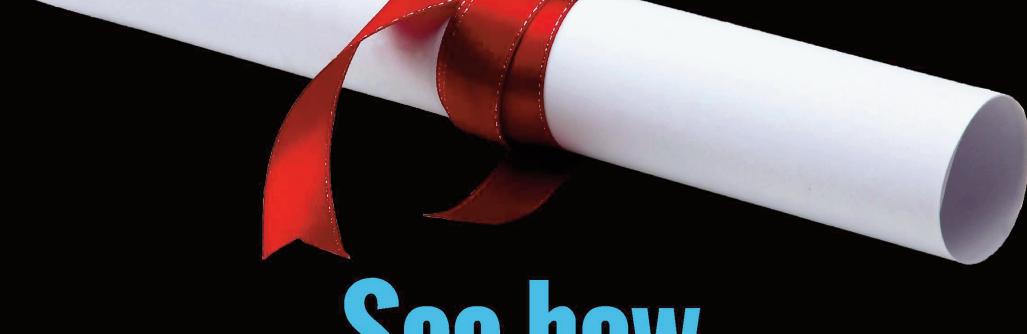
The offices are located in the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus and the Student Support Center on the Tupelo Campus.

Academic, career education, eLearning and workforce opportunities are available in an extensive schedule, which includes both day and evening classes at Fulton, Tupelo and Belden.

ICC will be closed from Dec. 18-Jan. 1.

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(1-833-222-4338)

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## Complete 2 Compete raises grant level per semester

### Staff Reports

Beginning in January, adults who have earned some college credit but insufficient hours for a degree may qualify for a Complete 2 Compete grant of \$1,000 per semester to finish the necessary requirements at Itawamba Community College.

### RENEWABLE

The grant is renewable per semester as long as the recipients remain in good academic standing.

"We are excited to be able to continue to assist students with obtaining their first postsecondary degree, and we are confident that the grant increase will further accelerate our ability to do so," said Amber Palmer, project coordinator for Mississippi Public Universities.

ICC is among Mississippi's two- and four-year institutions, which are collaborating in the Complete 2 Compete initiative.

### POSSIBILITIES

"Itawamba Community College is excited about the unlimited possibilities Complete 2 Compete is providing for residents of our region and beyond," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen.

"It enables us to provide an exceptional edu-

tional foundation to enhance the quality of life, particularly for the adult learner segment of the population."

Complete 2 Compete is available to Mississippi adults who are at least 21 years old, have at least 12 hours credit but not earned a post-secondary degree and have been out of college for at least two years.

### ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP

ICC also offers an Adult Learner Incentive scholarship, which is available for two semesters to Mississippi resi-

dents age 23 years or older, who have not been in college for the previous two years and enrolling for classes to pursue a degree.

Complete 2 Compete is sponsored by the Mis-

issippi Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board. Additional partners are the Mississippi Department of Human Services and the Mississippi Department of Economic Security.

For more information, contact Emily Tucker, ICC recruitment coordinator and adviser, ectucker@iccms.edu or (662) 407-1537.



## ICC honors QEP student-athletes, mentors

**ICC honored its Quality Enhancement Plan student-athletes/members in all of its intercollegiate sports as well as cheerleading and the All-American Band and their mentors, Nov. 4 at the Davis Event Center. Top photo, from left, Ethan Ray, All-American Band; Becca Childers, cheerleading; Farrah Fowlkes, women's tennis; Hayden Embry, men's tennis' Halle Moore, women's soccer; Clayton O'Daniel, men's soccer; and Jessica Davis, softball. Not pictured, Lane Domino, baseball; Wilson Gammill, golf; Ma'Darius Hobson, men's basketball; Elizabeth Ingram, women's basketball; and Hiram Wadlington Jr., football. Bottom photo, Mentors include from left, Michael Metz, Rick Collier, Mike Sullivan, Jennifer Cooper, Christy Colburn, Dr. Bronson Prochaska, Jason Campbell, Jessi Stevenson and Chris Stevenson. The QEP is a five-year assessment plan that will provide an institutional course of action to improve student learning.**



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

## ICC signs student-athletes for 2020

### Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has signed several student athletes for 2020.

To date, they include

### Baseball

Blake Berry, Northpoint Christian; Drew Capobianco, Saltillo; Brady Davis, Hamilton; and Mack Scruggs, Tupelo;

### Men's Basketball

DaShun Berry, Houlka; and

Isaiah Thompson, Amory;

### Softball

Hannah Henry, Brandon;

Josie Meggs, Kosciusko; Con-

nor Stevens, Amory; Emma

Walker, Amory; and

### Volleyball

Mary Leslie Cranford, Tip-

ton - Rosemark; Laurny

Fitzgerald, DeSoto Central;

and Morgan Lee, Lewisburg.

Lee is the first-ever volleyball signee for Itawamba Community College.

For an up-to-date list of signees, go to [letsgoicc.com](http://letsgoicc.com).

## ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

The Associate Degree Nursing program at Itawamba Community College will host a site visit for its continuing accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

You are invited to meet with the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 3:30 p.m., January 29, 2020, in the auditorium of the Health Science Education Center located on the Itawamba Community College Tupelo Campus at 2176 South Eason Boulevard.

**Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted to**

**Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer**

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing  
3343 Peachtree Road Northeast, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326

or email: [mstoll@acenursing.org](mailto:mstoll@acenursing.org)

All written comments should be received by the ACEN by January 13, 2020.

## ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### 2018 Community College Report Card

Itawamba Community College recently published its 2018 Report Card, which is made available by the College in compliance with House Bill No. 1071 approved during the 2010 Mississippi Legislative session. The bill created an Education Achievement Council, which was established to set educational achievement goals for institutions of higher learning and community and junior colleges in the state and to assist in monitoring progress toward those goals.

The Community College Report Card, designed to reflect the unique mission of community colleges, includes metrics on enrollment; degrees awarded; student success, retention and progress; workforce training; high school equivalency and adult education services; and success in developmental or remedial coursework.

The results in the 2018 Report Card demonstrate achievement for Itawamba Community College. ICC ranked higher than the state total percentages, based on figures for 2017-18, in student success measures of graduation, retention and placement rates. Workforce Training generated 103,410 hours of training, or 26 percent of the state total with 25,116 enrollments as well as awarded 2,094 National Career Readiness Certificates, approximately 13 percent of the statewide total. The adult education program awarded 157 high school equivalency certificates and enrolled 626 in adult basic services, which is 8 and 8 percent respectively of the statewide totals. The adult education program also had a 4.6 percent higher result than the state for Participants with a Measurable Skills Gain at 54.8 percent.

For ICC's complete Report Card, access <http://www.iccms.edu/Accountability>

# Indians upset Northwest to end 2019 season

ADAM GORE/LEE ADAMS

Staff Reports

ICC's football program pulled off an upset on the road in the regular season finale, defeating No. 2 Northwest Mississippi Community College, 22-21, Oct. 24.

Led by a strong performance by the offensive line, the Indians had 322 yards of total offense with sophomore quarterback Clark Mills (Ecru) throwing for 278 yards on 23 completions and a touchdown, while rushing for another score.

The Indians' air attack was led by Collins Woods III (Mobile, Ala.) who gained 137 yards on five receptions, including the 59-yard game-winning touchdown.

Defensively, the Indians contained the talented Ranger offense for most of the game getting numerous big stops and forcing several three-and-out drives. The linebacker duo of Nick Smith (Cleveland) and Keshun Parker (Calhoun City) led the defense combining for 25 tackles for loss for 24



ICC's Jaquan Williams intercepts a pass in the fourth quarter that led to the game-winning touchdown, Oct. 24, in Senatobia. (Lee Adams/LetsGoICC.com)

yards, while Parker had one sack and a pair of tackles for loss.

Sophomore defensive back Sylvonta Oliver (Sardis) added 11 tackles and one pass breakup, and Jaquan Williams (Kosciusko) picked off two Ranger passes on back-to-back drives, leading to the game-winning touchdown and ending a big drive with

three minutes left in the contest.

The Indians took advantage of a Northwest mistake to get excellent field position after an illegal kicking penalty on a bad snap during a punt attempt set up Mills' two-yard touchdown run for the first scored minutes into the game. The extra point was no good, but Skylar Grissom (Fulton)

banked a 34-yard field goal off the left upright to give the Indians a 9-0 lead early in the second quarter.

After Northwest scored on a 10-yard run to cut the lead to 9-7, Hiram Wadlington (Oxford) scored from five yards out to give the Indians a 15-7 advantage. However, the Rangers cut the lead to 15-14 before halftime on a two-yard run.

The third quarter was scoreless, but Northwest took its first lead of the game early in the fourth quarter on a 16-yard quarterback scramble. With 7:17 remaining, Williams intercepted a Ranger pass, and a few plays later, Mills connected with Woods for a 59-yard touchdown, and Grissom hit the extra point to give the Indians a 22-21 lead.

Williams picked up his second interception of the night on the ensuing drive in the end zone. However, Northwest had another opportunity, but a failed fourth down attempt with under a minute to play secured the upset victory for the Indians.

## NJCAA, MACJC honor 10 soccer players; Strother selected as Coach of Year

LEE ADAMS

Staff Reports

Ten Itawamba Community College soccer players have earned postseason honors with four named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region 23 Teams, six earning Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Conference honors, and Coach David Strother being named MACJC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year.

### LADY INDIANS HONORS

Five Lady Indians received postseason honors with Emily Hayward (Oxford) and Grace Joyce (Oxford) being named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 Team, and the trio of Anna Wesleigh Driskell (Tupelo), Ashley Stevens (Amory) and Ally Shinall (Oxford) earning All-MACJC honors.

Hayward scored a team-high 17 goals and had six assists last season while Joyce scored 12 goals and had a team-high eight assists.

Driskell, who earned Keeper of the Week honors six times last season, had 128 saves and a save



ICC freshman Emily Hayward of Oxford scores in the MACJC Championship game. ICC's historic season ended in the loss, which snapped a 16-game win streak. (Photo by Lee Adams/ICCIImages.com)

percentage of 780 in 21 games.

Stevens had nine goals and six assists in her freshman season, and Shinall had four goals and six assists.

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Strother was named conference Coach of the Year after his team had a historic season that included a share of the North Division title, a trip to the conference title game, a 16-game

win streak and winning a program record-setting 17 games.

### INDIANS HONORS

Five Indians earned postseason honors with Clayton O'Daniel (Tupelo) and Irvin Rodriguez (Pelham, Ala.) receiving NJCAA All-Region 23 Team honor, and Brayden Hellums (Olive Branch), David Marquez (Madrid, Spain) and Carson O'Daniel (Tupelo) earning All-MACJC recognition.

O'Daniel had nine goals and a team-high eight assists last season, and Rodriguez scored a team-high 10 goals and added four assists.

Hellums anchored the Indians defense that helped them advance to the playoffs and finish second in the North Division. Marquez scored two goals and had five assists. Carson O'Daniel had one goal and two assists.

### CONFERENCE ALL-STARS

In addition, ICC's soccer programs sent seven players to the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star games.

Four student-athletes from the women's team and a trio from the men's team competed at the annual games at Holmes Community College's Ridgeland Campus, Nov. 16.

Representing the Lady Indians were Luz Elena Acosta (Tupelo), Halle Moore (Oxford), Ally Shinall (Oxford) and Maisy Sumner (Blackburn, England).

Acosta, a defender, played in all 22 games this season while starting 14, and fellow defender Sumner also played in 22 games, started 19 and picked up one goal.

Shinall scored four goals, including two game winners, and had six assists while starting 19 of the 22 games as a midfielder. Moore, a defender, scored three goals, two game winners and had three assists and played in all 22 games, starting 17.

Carter Chandler (Tupelo), O'Daniel and Diego Trujillo (Olive Branch) represented the Indians on the North Division team.

Chandler, who split time as a midfielder and a defender, started in 13 of the 14 games he played, scored one goal and had one assist.

Trujillo also started all 15 games in which he played, scored one goal and had one assist.

#RollTribe

# Tribe TALK

MADISON HALEY

*Sports Editor*

Expectations are high on the collegiate sports level. Whether you're a coach or a player, that applies to both competing and performing on the field and in the classroom. The majority of collegiate players come from a very competitive background whether they played at one of the top high schools in their state or on travel showcase teams during their high school offseason. However, that is exactly what makes playing at the college level so challenging.

The overwhelming majority of college athletes were known as a "star" at their high school which cripples them coming into the collegiate stage. Upon entering this uber competitive



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arena, those "stars" are soon snapped into reality and realize their whole team is full of "stars": from high schools around the state, country and even the world in some cases. Therefore, each athlete is held to a new standard by his or her coaches in order to earn and maintain the spot they were recruited to fill, and if not, there is someone just as good to fill the spot. Preparation as a college athlete is extensive. Showing up to practice "on time" is not enough and staying after to put in extra work is almost mandatory to maintain that "star" status.

On top of the pressure of performing physically, athletes are also expected to perform exceptionally in the classroom. Many athletes sit in the front of the classroom in order to develop a stronger relationship with their teachers and be more attentive. While many believe athletes get their work done for them or their work is excused due to their being absent so much for games, this is very rarely the truth. Student-athletes are actually held to a higher standard and are expected to do their work and turn it in on time or even early when they are gone for away games.

An expectation that is sometimes overlooked is the high moral standard to which college student-athletes are held. Players are expected to carry themselves in all situations with the utmost respect. This goes as far as the clothes they wear and what they post on social media.

ICC softball head coach Andy Kirk said his expectations include ensuring that his players are held accountable for representing ICC in a positive manner every day. Coaches have to be the consistent daily example for players to be able to see and follow.

Being a student-athlete is a privilege and blessing for many, but it's not always as easy or glorious as society portrays it. The expectations are high, but the reward is so rich on both the playing and coaching levels, especially when they are translated into state and national championships.

Spotlight

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ICC head football coach Sean Cannon was selected as North Division Coach of the Year after his team turned its season around after a rough 6-3 start.

The Indians finished 5-4 and

tied for the North Division championship.

They won their final four games of the season, including an upset over the then No. 2 Northwest Rangers in the season finale on the road in Senatobia.

## Coming up in ICC sports...

### BASKETBALL

12.2	Lawson St.	5:30/7:30
12.5	@Gadsden St.	5:30/7:30
12.9	Northwest	5:30/7:30
1.4	@Volunteer St.	2/4
1.6	Motlow St.	5:30/7:30
1.9	@Northeast	5:30/7:30
1.13	Mid-South	5:30/7:30
1.16	@Miss. Delta	5:30/7:30
1.21	Coahoma	5:30/7:30
1.23	@East Miss.	5:30/7:30
1.27	Holmes	5:30/7:30
1.30	@Northwest	5:30/7:30

### GOLF

3.23-24	Meridian Inv.	TBA
3.30-31	Copiah-Lincoln	TBA
4.4-5	@MACJC champ.	

4.27-28 NJCAA Reg. 23



## BOX SCORES

### INDIANS

November 4  
**Vol. St. 82, ICC 75**  
*Leading scorers*  
Ma'Darius Hobson,  
20; Travonta  
Doolittle, 17

November 7  
**ICC 98,**  
**Huntingdon 52**  
*Leading scorers*  
Brandon Brown, 16;  
Hobson, Travonta  
Doolittle, 12 each

November 14  
**Shelton St. 74,**  
**ICC 68**  
*Leading scorers*  
Doolittle, 18;  
Brown, 13

November 18  
**Motlow 86; ICC 80**  
*Leading scorers*  
Hobson, 25;  
Tyler Smith, 15

November 21  
**AS-MS 74, ICC 54**  
*Leading scorers*  
Kendricus Carlton, 13;  
Brown, 12

**LADY INDIANS**  
November 4  
**ICC 83, Vol. St. 55**  
*Leading scorers*  
Whitney Watkins, 20;  
Tabreea Gandy, 15

November 7  
**ICC 87,**  
**Huntingdon 39**  
*Leading scorers*  
Kealy Wilson, 18;  
Gandy, 16

November 14  
**Shelton St. 84,**  
**ICC 60**  
*Leading scorers*  
Gandy, 23; Wilson, 10

November 18  
**ICC 76, Motlow 47**  
*Leading scorers*  
Watkins, 18;  
Zuri Dunlap, 12

November 21  
**ICC 71, AS-MS 47**  
*Leading scorers*  
Watkins, 15;  
Shimia Williams, 12



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